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AMENDMENT FOLLOWING FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the final Office Action dated June 18, 2002

and is accompanied by the "Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131" of Jack T. Clements.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 12 as follows.

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12. (Amended) A unitary filter cartridge to be removably and sealingly received within a circular opening through a tube sheet separating the clean and dirty plenums of filtration apparatus, said tube sheet having an upper surface, a cylindrical mouth surface and a lower surface, said filter cartridge comprising:

a filter sleeve formed as a tubular member having an open upper end oriented toward said tube sheet and an open lower end oriented away from said tube sheet;

a tubular screen positioned interiorly of said filter sleeve for structural support thereof, said tubular screen having an open upper end oriented toward said tube sheet and

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